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- A 30-mile stretch of northbound Interstate 95 between Newport and Bangor, Maine was closed for approximately 5 hours February 25 due to a multi-vehicle crash caused by heavy snowfall that injured at least 17 people. – *WLBZ 2 Bangor*; *Associated Press* (See item [6](#))
- About 12 ships, including a cruise ship, were stranded in the Gulf of Mexico outside Tampa Bay, Florida, while 10 cargo ships were unable to leave from Port Tampa Bay February 24 due to sea fog February 23 that prompted the port to come to a near standstill. – *Tampa Tribune* (See item [8](#))
- Officials announced February 26 that vandalism caused an Internet, cellphone, and landline outage in northern Arizona for more than 6 hours February 25 after CenturyLink employees and Phoenix police found a cut cable. – *Associated Press* (See item [17](#))
- A frozen water pipe burst inside the David Stott building in Detroit, Michigan, between February 22-23 causing about 2 million gallons of water ran throughout the structure unnoticed for approximately 1 day. – *WWJ 62 Detroit* (See item [18](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 26, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **Thousands lose power as heavy, wet snow blankets Triangle.** More than 130,000 Duke Energy customers across the Triangle area of North Carolina, lost power due to snow, freezing rain, and sleet from a winter storm that prompted the cancelation of schools in several counties and universities. Over 50 flights were canceled at Raleigh-Durham International Airport and Amtrak canceled its Palmetto service.

Source: http://www.newsobserver.com/2015/02/25/4582402_ice-makes-a-mess-of-wednesday.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *February 25, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **Lack of protective equipment leaves employees of Madison, New Jersey, manufacturer exposed to amputation hazards, finds OSHA.** The Occupational Health and Safety Administration cited EP Heller Co., of Madison, New Jersey, February 25 for 2 willful violations for failure to properly guard machinery to protect employees from possible amputations, and 11 serious violations for other hazards, prompting \$56,000 in proposed penalties.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27462

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

3. *February 25, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Founder accused of defrauding investors in \$40M mutual fund.** A Massachusetts financier was charged with securities fraud, wire fraud, aggravated identify theft, and obstruction of justice February 25 for allegedly issuing fictitious consumer loans as co-portfolio manager of GL Beyond Income Fund, and diverting the fund's assets for use on business and personal expenses.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/founder-accused-defrauding-investors-40m-mutual-fund-29226096>
4. *February 25, Reuters* – (National) **MetLife unit to pay \$123.5 million for alleged mortgage fraud.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced February 25 that Met Life Home Loans LLC will pay \$123.5 million to resolve accusations that the company, doing business as MetLife Bank at the time of the alleged infractions, knowingly violated the False Claims Act from September 2008 to March 2012 by originating and underwriting mortgage loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) that did not meet underwriting requirements. MetLife was allegedly aware of the accused violations through its internal quality control measures and reportedly downgraded its sub-standard FHA loans to appear to have fewer issues.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/25/us-metlife-usa-loans-idUSKBN0LT1ZR20150225>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *February 26, KAKE 10 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Plane makes emergency landing after mechanical problems.** A United flight from Denver to Kansas City was diverted to Eisenhower National Airport in Wichita for an emergency landing after it experienced landing gear issues and was forced to fly at about 10,000 feet.
Source: <http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/Emergency-plane-landing-at-Eisenhower--294146361.html>
6. *February 25, WLBZ 2 Bangor; Associated Press* – (Maine) **I-95 in Maine partially reopened after 75-vehicle pileup.** A 30-mile stretch of northbound Interstate 95 between Newport and Bangor was closed for approximately 5 hours February 25 due to a multi-vehicle crash caused by heavy snowfall that involved at least 75 vehicles and left at least 17 people injured.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/02/25/interstate-95-crash-maine/23989051/>
7. *February 25, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **Pile-ups close I-70, roads treacherous throughout region, flights canceled.** The Colorado Department of Transportation closed Interstate 70 in both directions from C-470 in Denver to Idaho Springs February 25 until further notice due to multiple accidents that involved as many as 50 vehicles as a result of icy road conditions.

Source: <http://kdvr.com/2015/02/25/snow-causing-slick-roads-making-for-rough-drive-home/>

8. *February 24, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Cruise ship returns as fog halts port traffic.** Nearly a dozen ships, including a cruise ship, were stranded in the Gulf of Mexico outside Tampa Bay while 10 cargo ships were unable to leave from Port Tampa Bay February 24 due to sea fog February 23 that prompted the port to come to a near standstill. The Royal Caribbean cruise ship was escorted to the port by U.S. Coast Guard vessels while freighters and tankers were ordered to remain in the Gulf until the fog cleared.

Source: <http://tbo.com/news/transportation/fog-closes-tampa-port-strands-cargo-ships-buckeye-cruise-20150224/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *February 25, WABC 7 New York City* – (New York) **Brooklyn cherry factory owner commits suicide during drug probe.** Authorities investigating claims of alleged chemical dumping at the Dell's Maraschino Cherries factory in the Brooklyn area of New York City February 24 discovered an elaborate marijuana growing operation, hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash, and luxury cars hidden behind a false wall leading to a basement. The owner of the company fatally shot himself while investigators were at the scene, and production at the factory was halted indefinitely.

Source: <http://7online.com/news/brooklyn-cherry-factory-owner-commits-suicide-during-drug-probe/533725/>

10. *February 25, Brainerd Dispatch* – (Minnesota) **Family loses farming equipment, supplies in fire.** A February 24 fire and a series of explosions at a farm in Brainerd, Minnesota, engulfed a 2-story structure that held farming equipment and heavy machinery, 100 gallons of motor oil, 10 tons of seed corn, and 28,000 pounds of straw bales. Officials reported that the cause of the fire was undetermined and that damage was estimated to total \$275,000.

Source: <http://www.brainerddispatch.com/news/3687468-family-loses-farming-equipment-supplies-fire>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

11. *February 25, WSMV4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Metro unveils \$100 million flood control plan.** Metro Water in Nashville unveiled a 3 year, \$100 million project February 25 that involves a new downtown storm water pumping station and improvements to underground storm tunnels in order to protect the city from major floods.

Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/story/28202103/metro-unveils-100-million-flood-control-plan>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

12. *February 26, KPLC 7 Lake Charles* – (Louisiana) **Eleven children injured in Rapides Parish school bus crash.** A driver and 11 students were transported to area hospitals with injuries after a Rapides Parish school bus lost control on Louisiana 121 and overturned February 25.

Source: <http://www.kplctv.com/story/28202132/eleven-children-injured-in-rapides-parish-school-bus-crash>

13. *February 26, Bergen County Record* – (New Jersey) **Gas leak shuts North Boulevard School in Pequannock.** Students and staff were evacuated from North Boulevard School in Pequannock February 25 when a gas leak was discovered outside of the building. The students were walked to a nearby facility for the remainder of the day while officials investigated and crews repaired the gas lines.

Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/education/gas-leak-shutters-north-boulevard-school-in-pequannock-1.1277749>

14. *February 25, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Family courthouse downtown evacuated.** The family division courthouse in Allegheny County was evacuated February 25 when a burst water pipe caused an industrial-sized space heater to catch fire. Authorities reported that there was no extensive damage to the building and that the facility will reopen February 26.

Source: <http://triblive.com/news/adminpage/7852393-74/building-caused-fire>

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Emergency Services Sector

15. *February 26, Yavapai County Daily Courier; Chino Valley Review* – (Arizona) **Prescott-area police, fire, 911 service hit hard by outage.** Emergency 9-1-1 calls to the Prescott Regional Communications Center in Arizona were rerouted February 25 to the backup dispatching center at the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office after a CenturyLink fiber cable near New River was damaged causing an Internet and telephone outage. The Chino Valley Police Department was also impacted by the

outage, along with the sheriff's office in Yavapai County which suffered landline and Internet outages.

Source:

<http://dcourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=142272>

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Information Technology Sector

16. *February 26, Securityweek* – (International) **Lizard Squad hijacks Lenovo website, emails.** Lizard Squad hackers hijacked the Lenovo Web site and email servers by using CloudFlare IP addresses to modify DNS records in Lenovo domain registrar accounts and redirect users to defacement pages, and changed mail server records to allow the group to intercept emails sent to Lenovo email addresses. The hijacking mirrored a similar attack that targeted Google Vietnam during the week of February 23.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/lizard-squad-hijacks-lenovo-website-emails>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

17. *February 26, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Arizona authorities probe vandalism that cut off Internet, phones for hours.** Officials announced February 26 that vandalism caused an Internet, cellphone, and landline outage in northern Arizona for more than 6 hours February 25 after CenturyLink employees and Phoenix police found a cut fiber-optic cable. Crews restored services that impacted a 100-mile area stretching between Phoenix to Flagstaff.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/02/26/arizona-authorites-probe-vandalism-that-cut-off-internet-phones/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

18. *February 26, WWJ 62 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Cleanup continues at flooded David**

Stott building in Detroit. Cleanup crews continued working February 26 after a frozen water pipe ruptured inside the David Stott building in Detroit between February 22-23 and millions of gallons of water ran throughout the building unnoticed for approximately 1 day. About 2 million gallons of water was pumped from the building into the city's sewer system February 25, while the bottom floor of the structure was reportedly still under water.

Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2015/02/26/cleanup-continues-at-flooded-david-stott-building-in-detroit/>

19. *February 26, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Hole collapses part of building on St. Pete's Central Ave.** A water line that failed and started to leak February 25 caused a partial building collapse at a St. Petersburg, Florida storefront that housed the Underground church February 26 when the land underneath the structure gave way. A forklift and metal I-beams were used to support the collapsed portion of the structure and prevent further damage to 6 businesses that occupy connected spaces in the building, while crews worked to isolate the leak.

Source: <http://suncoastnews.com/su/list/news-suncoast-pinellas/hole-collapses-part-of-building-on-st-petes-central-ave-20150226/>

20. *February 26, Associated Press* – (Washington, D.C.) **Ford's Theatre museum reopens after water leak.** The museum at the Ford's Theatre National Historic Site in Washington, D.C., reopened February 25 and resumed normal business hours after the museum was forced to close February 18 due to a water leak caused by a mechanical failure and frozen pipes. A National Park Service representative reported that no artifacts were affected by the 1 inch of water that flooded the museum, and that experts were monitoring humidity levels and other environmental conditions.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Fords-Theatre-Museum-Reopens-After-Water-Leak-294169771.html>

21. *February 26, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Miami-Dade Transit bus swerves into building, two dozen receive minor injuries.** A Miami-Dade Transit bus that swerved to avoid a collision with an SUV crashed into the Everything Warehouse home fixtures store at a strip mall in Allapattah February 26, injuring at least 24 individuals including the bus driver.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/north-miami/article11192717.html>

22. *February 25, WOKV 104.5 FM Jacksonville* – (Florida) **Arlington fire displaces 20 families.** About 60 residents from the Avesta Townsend apartment building in Arlington, Florida, were displaced by a February 25 fire. The fire remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wokv.com/news/news/local/arlington-fire-displaces-20-families/nkJng/>

23. *February 25, WCSH 6 Portland* – (Maine) **Donated toys likely destroyed in building collapse.** The roof of the Northern York County Toys for Tots warehouse in Biddeford,

Maine, collapsed under the weight of heavy snow February 22, causing damage to up to \$20,000 worth of toys and items donated to the nonprofit organization. The warehouse was condemned by city officials following the incident.

Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/story/news/local/biddeford-saco/2015/02/25/toys-for-tots-biddeford-building-collapse/24030235/>

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